

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 24, 2015

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Tom Butt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Myrick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL

The assistant city clerk announced the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):

Property: Terminal 3
Negotiator: Bill Lindsay and Jim Matzorkis
Negotiating party: Sims Metals and RJJ Resources
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

Property: Cafeteria Building (1301 Canal Blvd)
Negotiator: Bill Lindsay and Jim Matzorkis
Negotiating party: Intellergy Corporation and Richmond Beer Co.
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Butt who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Jovanka Beckles presented a proclamation recognizing Mr. Jahahara Alkebulan-Ma'at's retirement and years of service to the city of Richmond. Mr. Alkebulan-Ma'at thanked everyone for the proclamation. Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

Councilmember Bates introduced the new Interim President of Contra Costa College Mojdeh Mehdizadeh by Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District. Ms. Mehdizadeh and Raymond Landry gave comments.

Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Jovanka Beckles presented proclamations to Stephanie Hervey from the Action Hub; Courtney Cummings for her work at the Native American Health Center; Yvonne Nair for her work at Saffron Strand, and Scottie Smith for her advocacy for children's academic rights declaring March 2015 as Women's History Month in Richmond. Marilyn Langlois gave comments.

Mayor Butt announced City of Richmond Board and Commission vacancies as of February 24, 2015, and ask that interested residents send applications to the City Clerk. Jackie Thompson and Raymond Landry gave comments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Bruce Reed Goodmiller stated there was no report.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The matter to appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the City Council that occurred on January 13, 2015, was presented by Mayor Butt. This item was continued from the February 10 and 17, 2015, meetings. No further public comments will be accepted. A motion to nominate Raquel Donoso was made by Vice Mayor Myrick and seconded by Mayor Butt. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates and Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmembers Beckles and McLaughlin. A motion to nominate Marilyn Langlois was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Myrick. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. A motion to nominate Claudia Jimenez was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by

Councilmember McLaughlin. The motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. A motion to nominate Vinay Pimplé was made by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Bates. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmembers Beckles and McLaughlin.

STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION

The City Council received a report from a representative of the National Park Service regarding the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.

The City Council received a presentation providing an update on the Wastewater Enterprise, proposed improvement projects and projected funding needs by Wastewater Manager, Chad Davisson. The City's Wastewater Enterprise ("The Enterprise") consists of three major components; the collection system, the treatment plant and the outfall system. The sanitary sewage collection system includes approximately 185 miles of collection pipes. Staff has completed multiple collection system improvements including, pipeline replacements, lining projects, point repairs and manhole rehabilitation and is presently constructing an \$18 million wet weather storage facility and pump station. The adopted Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Plant Master Plans identify over \$100 million of sewer system improvements necessary to comply with the regulatory requirements of both the Baykeeper settlement and the State Water Resources Control Board. In 2010, the City Council approved a rate structure which included annual increases of 5% per year for three years. This rate structure provided approximately \$40 Million in funding to address capital needs in the wastewater system. The Wastewater Enterprise has a AA- credit rating and strong reserve funds. A long term funding strategy will be brought back to the Council. Mr. Davisson will provide the Councilmembers a copy of tonight's PowerPoint presentation, which will also be available on the City's website. The City Council will also receive future periodic updates on the status and needs of the Wastewater Enterprise.

The City Council received a presentation and update on activities by the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau by Richmond Visitor and Convention Bureau Executive Director, Beth Javens.

The City Council received a presentation on street paving program options utilizing Measure U funds and provide direction to staff was presented by City Manager, Bill Lindsay, Public Works Director,

Yader Bermudez, Tawfic Halaby, and Finance Director, Jim Goins. At the January 27th City Council meeting, staff presented several different strategies for planned street paving and infrastructure improvements. At that time, the City Council directed staff to explore additional approaches for consideration, including a \$22 million bond issue and increased expenditures through a “pay-as-you-go” approach. If the city were to do paving work in-house the cost of the paving equipment alone would be approximately \$2 million. A key consideration of any bonding scenario versus a pay-as-you-go scenario is the use of contractual services contrasted with City paving crews. Current City staff is at capacity with the \$2.5 million available from Gas Tax revenue, which is used for overlays only, and is not equipped to complete any slurry seal, concrete, and reconstruction efforts. Increasing the number of city paving crews would require additional major expenses in equipment, facilities, recruitment time, labor costs and related liabilities (pension, OPEB, etc.). The following individuals gave comments: Vinay Pimplé, Joseph Puleo, Deacon Loch Sekona, Nancy Baer, Millie Cleveland, Gabriel, Patricia Byers, Carlos Castro, Tarnel Abbott, James Walker, Stacy Wilborn, Mike Parker, Marilyn Langlois, Naomi Williams, Rosanne Rykan, Don Gosney, and Jackie Thompson. Councilmember Bates stated he supports a 15-year bond measure and will not support pay as you go. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to commit whatever strategy is approved that it includes the \$2.8 million match for the projects that have grant funding contingent on the match, have staff come back with analysis to include a 15 year bond, that also includes a 75% and 80% use of Measure U funds, figure out how to utilize in-house workers to the greatest extent possible. Vice Mayor Myrick made a friendly amendment that the use of Measure U funds be up to 75%. Councilmember McLaughlin accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Myrick. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

The matter to direct city employees to stop using all pesticides in weed abatement activities for the next twelve months; to immediately cease purchasing pesticides and properly dispose of current pesticides following the city's hazardous waste disposal protocols; prepare a report studying the impacts on costs and weed control, the efficacy of non-chemical methods of weed control, and residents' attitudinal changes towards weed control; and develop, prepare, and disseminate information to educate Richmond residents and businesses about the harmful effects of using pesticides was presented. The following individuals gave comments: Joseph Puleo, Juan Reardon, Jesus Beltran, Mike Parker, Marilyn Langlois, Jeff Ritterman, Jackie Thompson., and Bea Roberson. A motion by

Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, adopted **Resolution No. 19-15(a)** to approve and also appoint an integrated pest management coordinator, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

(11:02 - A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick to extend the meeting for 30 minutes failed due to lack of a second).

CONTINUED to the March 3, 2015, City Council meeting, review of the fiscal year 2014-15 operating

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor